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Death Valley is Blooming

Recent Rains and cooler temperatures unexpectedly heightened this spring's wildflower bloom in Death Valley National Park. Flowers can be expected to reach their peak in the next one to two weeks if temperatures remain unseasonably cool.

Roadsides along the valley floor and alluvial fans throughout the park shimmer yellow with desert gold (wild sunflowers). Other locations with good wildflower displays are along the roads to Dante's View and Scotty's Castle.

Backcountry users are reporting great wildflower displays at both ends of Greenwater Valley, below South Pass heading into Saline Valley, and areas near Crankshaft Junction in northern Death Valley. Four-wheel drive roads leading into the eastern side of the Panamint Mountains should also be good.

In many locations, the impact of this year's desert bloom cannot be fully appreciated without stopping the car and getting out for a closer look. Only then can the amazing variety of small blooming desert annuals be spotted.

Be sure to stop at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center to visit the demonstration wildflower garden in the patio. It is still in bloom, and many of the common desert annuals are identified with labels.

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